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Charles-

The effort is for one sampling event which has occurred. We have received some data from the labs, but not all yet at this time. The contractor will conduct a QA review of the data, they are not collecting the data. We know exactly what data is to be delivered for review as samples have been submitted to labs for analysis and we have received data, but as I said, not all yet. The amount and type of data is a known and is presented in the SOW. There is one data package for one sampling event for the parameters as listed in the SOW. We have received data for some of these parameters, but not all. So to date, we have a partial data package.

I don't understand how these TOs work for other instances, such as doing audits or document reviews. The TO is for a period of a year and all the work is not expected to commence immediately but throughout the course of the performance period.

I'm confused as to why we are struggling with this TO. Do we need to wait until we have all the data in hand? It will not change the SOW as to the extent of the work effort as we know right now exactly what data will be submitted for review, and it is in the SOW.

Do we need to wait until we have all data in our possession before we can execute this TO? If so, it will need to be done in an expeditious manner as this work is time critical for a highly visible and important project, the Pavillion Ground Water Investigation.

Thanks,
Steve

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Good afternoon, Steve:

Sir, as previously requested, do we have any indication of the number of sampling events or data packages that we have for processing by the contractor at this time? How many ones to we anticipate receiving after award? We need to impart the depth of effort and number of personnel that shall be mobilized. Can we state how many we anticipate, can we provide an exemplary sample?

This is a matter that has received substantial consideration. Our procurement analyst reviewed the comments and the performance work statement and recommended:

"There is a discussion of data sets. Are the data sets to be collected by the contractor or simply reviewed for QA purposes? It appears based upon the email that it is the latter. If so, is there no time between EPA's determination as to the number of data sets required, the actual collection of the data sets, and their subsequent delivery to the contractor? If there is a time gap, perhaps the order could be delayed until we have a handle on how many data sets will be provided."

Seemingly, as I indicated previously, if we have a requirement, the number and detail of the data packages are cardinal details that will impact availability, necessity of subcontracting, and the necessary personnel and their qualifications. It is not sufficient in itself to identify the B.3 clause as a place holder, pending notification. You are asking the contractor for a proposal, not a negotiable change.

Despite the relocation of the operative language from the PWS to Attachment 1, the PWS still fails to state a requirement so long as the number and depth of the data packages is not identified pre-proposal. What work is performed by the contractor prior to receipt of the data package? Apparently none for work commences with the presentment of one of an unknown number of data packages, or at least so it would appear.

How many data packages will be provided and how many are ready for commencement of work at this time? These are cardinal details that effect mobilization and which have a substantial impact on the cost proposal. As presented, I still cannot identify immediate work, rather, I see an executory instrument, which would supply critical detail post-proposal.

Steve, I'll call, but I do not see a substantial improvement, over the previous package. The ball is in your court.

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Good afternoon, Steve:

Sir, how many sampling events are required at this time? How many do we have in-hand? Does the task order provide for the contractor to commence performance of an immediate service or is the contractor dependent upon receiving a data package prior to the commencement of work? How many data packages will be provided and how many are ready to be presented at this time? As presented, I still cannot identify immediate work, rather, I see an executory instrument, which appears to be dependent upon the contractor's receipt of a data package in order to commence work.

My concern is that as it would appear, packages would be distributed as they become available, but until we have a package, do we have a requirement?

For purposes of Microsoft Office 2007 and higher, all included software applications (MS Word, Excel, Power Point, etc.) should comply.

For purposes of utilizing Adobe Acrobat, check the attached VPAT and confirm accessibility for the desired functions. There is no universal standard, each intended application must be crosschecked against the software VPAT to determine whether the software complies.

For Microsoft - See: <http://www.microsoft.com/industry/government/products/section508/default.aspx>

For Acrobat - See: <http://www.adobe.com/accessibility/about.html>

I have attached a VPAT for Adobe Acrobat 9. As I read this PWS, I cannot find any performance that is not dependent upon a data package being supplied to the contractor. Task Orders are not indefinite instruments, but a task order that is dependent upon a condition precedent does not present a requirement until the condition arises.

Questions, clarification, please let me know.

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OK, thanks Charles.

Just to keep things moving I've made changes based on your comments (in the correct PWS) and have attached it here.

Under #5, the statement : "Accordingly, all documents shall be submitted in Microsoft Word 2007 or higher." Some files may be as Excel 2007 or higher, and Adobe pdfs. Are we restricted to Word?

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Thanks, Steve:

We want to do everything we can, Unfortunately, I really do need the class that I am in this week.

Matt, heads-up, the wrong material is uploaded in EAS.

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Charles-

To complicate this even more the wrong PWS and IGCE were put in EAS.

An email was sent by Mary Sue to Maxanne about this. I don't know where this stands right now.

Mary Sue and Maxanne-can we get an update on where this stands?

Charles-

I am just providing this as an FYI I know you can't do anything with it but, the correct PWS and IGCE that were supposed to be in EAS are below. This PWS has the same problem, but the # of samples was increased from original hence the increase in the IGCE.

Once it's in EAS and I am informed it is, I'll be glad to assist in getting the language corrected.

Thank you.

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I will add a revised PWS and IGCE. What is the process for increasing this PR. It has not been obligated yet?

Thanks,
Mary Sue

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This is for the captioned contract and Task Order correct?

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